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Dear Gary,

U 5/8 w. enclosures: To Hobbs, fine, but with whom is he? Insider notoriously undependable. But, on the content, for whatever it is worth, Deen Andrews, whom might well have been pulling my leg (I always make on it is the one thing that cannot happen and take it all straight) told me LHO was befriended by an American whore in Mex Cy. I have a memo on it somewhere. Kusanbeck memo- I know of no woman of this description. However, I can confirm that the narcotics squad had some who would in any other environment be considered odd working as informants. I think it improbable there was any means of videotaping the LHO interrogation and he was never in any "interrogation room". Always Fritz' small office. Much of what she is reported to have said could have come from public knowledge, the rest may be improvised. Perhaps Vince can check with office. I would get no response.

I did receive and yesterday, by insured fourth class, returned the large packet, Thanks. Did you get the Wasjoli particle back?

I have not written Uris. Would it do any good? What if he did confirm someone put him on to the V thing? I am confident Helas didn't call him in and deliver it.

On the envelope you ask for a copy of CD 1330. If I have it, it is in what I have not yet classified and I have no card of it. What is it? If I have it you certainly can have a copy.

May I suggest that with your Jaffe, the proper approach would not be "undermining" his father? He should be asking his father, "Suppose you are wrong?" "Suppose the people who inform you have been misinformed or are honestly wrong?" "Suppose the FBI is covering up?" Trying to persuade his father to find fact, to ask questions that may be contrary to what is officially ordained, is not undermining him but making it possible for both to live with themselves in the future. Or, he can try and prompt his father to speak to me about any aspect of which he has the one side. He can say he has heard of me and I am close by.

Despite my affection for hi, I think it is possible to interpret Hal's position as a defense of Turner. He has known better for more than two years, for it is more than this long since he knew Turner was at the very least a literary thief, which is enough to cause doubt. I think Hal is not really "new left" but is more likely SWP. I have never discussed politics with him. As a matter of fact, he is quite likely to suspect agency.

Baton Rouge: it must have been that decision, for I sent the disproof after I got home and checked it out here.

You did not send me a copy of Vince's letter. You sent me a copy of your letter to him. I am aware that Vince will do nothing for me. This has been the case from the first, when he actually went out of his way to hurt me. I do not know why. However, the expenses he got me to undertake are in a different category. There he has a moral obligation he cannot shrug off by writing a suggestion to H.O. He made an arrangement involving me. I lived up to it. He should. It is utterly inconscionable to dump this load on me and atop it place the financial burden also on me. It is also very cheap for him to have done it. The amount involved is no burden to him. It is to me. You perhaps have a notion of how much work I did in that period. My copy machine is kept because of it, and I used up two orders of the special paper. This kind of irresponsibility by him, this contemptible cheapness, is something I cannot easily explain to myself as a manifestation of mental illness, especially

he has known the conditions of our life for four years. And it is not alone that he considers that he has retired from active work. He considers himself the elder statesman, the one who understands philosophically, a real, authentic big-shot and brain-truster. While I do not for one minute believe it, his own action is more consistent with that of an agent than that of anyone I know. If he were a poor man, then there might be some explanation of this. He is not. More, when he did pay the air fare for my trip in December- and neither he nor Bud paid anything else, I got stuck with the rest of it- he made me feel very badly about it by crawling all over me for an error the travel agency made in ticketing. AND, he has never been asked to do anything that would be of any personal help to me. More, what he got me into was exactly the opposite of help to me. It required a great sacrifice of me. He made no change in his life. He merely committed me to a major one in mine. No, you have not in any sense either explained or justified it. In writing him without charging him with his personal obligation, with the best of intentions you relieved him of his responsibility by placing it on N.O. In their failure to perform, the responsibility remains his for the arrangement was his, the moral obligation his, the pledged word his. I would not have taken Moots word on this for anything. I did take Jim's. If he and Moo did not know this, there was no reason for him to have given me his. N.O. already owed me too much then. As you know, I took Jim's on nothing, and on this he did not speak to me. If I can force myself to accept unacceptable explanations of so many inexcusable things he has done, so many really hurtful things, I cannot find any justification for him playing the bigshot, the kingmaker, at my expense, of his committing me to do certain things for which I would get my costs back plus a proper compensation and then seeing to it that I get stuck for even the actual out-of-pocket costs. It is plain dishonest.

Glad to get the Z. Told Lil to credit. I do not think it can be used as an excuse to arrest people, but it can be for a civil charge I think unlikely, by LIFE. I've been doing this with stills for some time, as you know, and they have been mute.

On Paul R: He told me he has had it, that he is thinking of chucking it and doing a book, and asked my help. I said I'd offer it. I knew then this could have been a test. I've heard nothing since. It could be either way. I did not see the man I expected too but I will see people next month and will play it straight. Do not mention to anyone. That could be a significant work, though I think someone else would have to do the writing. He says he is ready for the writing (without discussion of by whom). I've been intending to write him.

Time for breakfast.

Sincerely,